BURNTWOOD (1820-....)

BURNTWOOD, a chapelry district, in the parish of St. Michael, Lichfield, union of Lichfield, S. division of the hundred of Offlow and of the county of Stafford, 2 miles (W. by S.) from Lichfield; containing, with the hamlets of Edgehill and Woodhouses, 744 inhabitants. It lies on the eastern side of Cannock Chase, and comprises 2456a. 1r. 20p. of inclosed land, and about 1000 acres of common on the chase; 1716 acres are arable, 655 meadow and pasture, 12 woodland, 5 in pools and ponds, and 60 in homesteads. The land is in good cultivation. About 150 hands are employed in nail-making, but the population is mostly engaged in agricultural pursuits. There are several neat and pleasant mansions, one of which is Edgehill or Edial Hall, a square brick building with a cupola and balustrades, celebrated as the house in which the eminent lexicographer, Samuel Johnson, opened an academy in 1736; not meeting, however, with sufficient encouragement, he did not long continue here. At a short distance on the south of the chapelry passes the Wyrley and Essington canal. The living is a perpetual curacy; net income, £100; patron, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield; appropriators, the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield: the glebe consists of about six acres, valued at £9 per annum, and a house. The chapel, dedicated to Christ, and erected in 1820, is a neat edifice of brick, with a square tower, and contains 250 sittings, whereof 140 are free. A school was endowed in 1765 by Mrs. Elizabeth Ball, with £600, of which £200 were expended in erecting the school-house, and the remainder was secured on land. Among other benefactions, the annual sum of £14 is paid out of a farm, as interest of two legacies left by the same lady, for the poor of the three hamlets comprising this township, and of the hamlet of Hammerwick. [A Topographical Dictionary of England (1848)]

Parish History

In 1820 the parish of **BURNTWOOD** was formed from part of **LICHFIELD ST MICHAEL**.

On **2 Feb 1867** the parish (or consolidated chapelry) of **CHASETOWN** was constituted from parts of **BURNTWOOD, HAMMERWICH** and **OGLEY HAY.**

Description of Church (Christ Church)

The church, in ....., was built in 1819-20 (largely at the expense of XXXXX on a site provided by Sir Robert Peel 1st Baronet) to designs by *Joseph Potter* and consecrated in 1820. A north aisle was added in 1869 to designs by *Stevens & Robinson of Derby*.

Missions

Type of incumbent

Perpetual Curate	....-1868
Vicar	1868-....

Patrons

Vicar of Lichfield St Mary

Parish Registers

The register of Christchurch, Burntwood commences in 1820. The original registers for the period 1820-1941 (Bapts), 1845-1968 (Mar) & 1828-1963 (Bur) are deposited at

Staffordshire Record Office. Bishops Transcripts, 1820-1963 are deposited at Lichfield Record Office. [GENUKI]

Bells

Special References

Principal Clergy

►Edward Simeon Remington 1758-1831 **1820-1831**
c 30 Oct 1758 Lichfield St Mary *son of Daniel William Remington (Succentor of Lichfield Cathedral) c1715-1788* ***[SCD]*** *and Mary dau of Christopher Heveningham of Lichfield, Staffs currier 1698-?1747*
d 23 May 1831; Will *as Clerk of Close of the Cathedral Church Lichfield* (PCC) 23 Jul 1828/5 Apr 1832
(aged 17, admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 27 Jun 1776 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1776
(Scholar) 1776
(B.A.) 1780
(ordained deacon by Lincoln *pro* Lichfield) 9 OR 11 Mar 1781
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 22 Dec 1782
(Perpetual Curate, Lichfield St Chad, Staffs) Jan 1783-14 Sep 1805
- (presented by his father Daniel William Remington c1715-1788 *qua* Vicar of Lichfield St Mary)
- (licenced) 3 Jan 1783
(Perpetual Curate, Pipe Ridware, Staffs) ?1783-a1 Mar 1786
- (resigned) a1 Mar 1786
(as clerk, conducted a marriage at Weeford) 28 Aug 1796
(Perpetual Curate, Lichfield St Michael, Staffs) 14 Sep 1805-d
- (appointed) 14 Sep 1805
(Perpetual Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 26 Jun 1820-d
- (appointed to the "newly consecrated chapel") 26 Jun 1820
(Vicar, Wirksworth, Derbys) 25 Sep 1829-a9 Apr 1831
- (presented by George Gordon (Dean of Lincoln))
- (instituted) 25 Sep 1829

►Thomas Harwood 1767-1842 **1831-1842**
b 18 May 1767 Shepperton, Middx *son of Thomas Harwood (Rector of Shepperton, Middx) c1729-1796*
m 7 Jan 1793 Maria dau of Charles Woodward of Birmingham; (and had chn)
d 22 OR 23 Dec 1842 Lichfield
(educated at Eton)
(aged 17, matriculated from University College, Oxford) 8 Nov 1784 [FOSTER]
(of Lavenham, Suffolk) 1787
(aged 24, admitted sizar at Emmanuel College, Cambridge) 17 Nov 1789 [VENN]
(ordained deacon) 1789
(Headmaster, Lichfield Grammar School, Staffs) 27 Oct 1791-1813
- (appointed) 27 Oct 1791 [HARWOOD (1806) 498-9]
- (in office) 1791-1813 [VCH]
- ("distinguished as an antiquary")
(Perpetual Curate, Hammerwich, Staffs) 1800-d
- (appointed) 4 Dec 1800
(B.D., Stat. Eliz.) 1811
(Rector, Stawley, Soms) 2 Sep 1814-a10 Jul 1819
- (presented by ?himself Thomas Harwood clerk)

- (instituted) 2 Sep 1814
- (resigned) a10 Jul 1819
(D.D.) 1822
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1828-31
- (licensed) 24 Mar 1828
(Perpetual Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) Jun 1831-d
- (licensed) Jun 1831
(F.S.A.)
(a strenuous supporter of Roman Catholic emancipation)
(author, "The History and the Antiquities of the Church and City of Lichfield ..." and other works)
[SIMMS*]

►Ralph Errington c1816-1852 **1843-1852**
b c1816 *possibly son of Ralph Errington (Perpetual Curate of Widdrington, Northumbs) [see BLG]*
d cMay 1852 Lichfield RD
(aged 25-9, NOT b Staffs, of Stafford St Mary "clergyman") 1841 C
(Perpetual Curate, Hammerwich, Staffs) 1843-d
(Perpetual Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1843-d

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►George Poole c1807-1889 **1852-1886**
b c1807 Aston, Staffs
d *aged 82* 1 May 1889 Hammerwich; i Hammerwich
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) 22 Jun 1843 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1843
(ordained deacon) 1846
(Stipendiary Curate, Colwich, Staffs) 1846-8
(B.A.) 1847
(ordained priest) 1847
(Perpetual Curate, Saltley, Warwicks) 1848-51
(Perpetual Curate, Hammerwich, Staffs) 1852-8
(Perpetual Curate/Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1852-86
- (aged 64, b Aston, Staffs, of Burntwood "Vicar of Burntwood") 1871 C
(author, "The Path of the Just") 1879
[SIMMS]

(Burntwood) George Poole, appointed in 1852, decided that he should devote himself to the growing population of Burntwood, and he gave up Hammerwich in 1858. About then he started a mission at Chasetown, and he was preaching in the open at Boney Hay in 1883. He introduced the singing of psalms and hymns. He was friendly towards nonconformists, speaking at Primitive Methodist meetings and contributing towards the cost of a new Primitive Methodist chapel. He was an advocate of temperance and became a teetotaller, and he persuaded colliers to speak at temperance meetings in Burntwood and Chasetown. [VCH (BURNTWOOD)]

►Richard Weston c1845-1929 **1886-1922**
b c1845 Albrighton, Salop
m Alice Agnes .....; (aged 27, b Horsham, Sussex) 1881C; (aged 46, b Horsham, Sussex) 1901 C
d 1929
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1871
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1873
(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich St James, Staffs) 1873-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1874
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Tipton St Martin, Staffs) 1875-80
(Stipendiary Curate, Tipton St Martin in charge, Tipton St Luke, Staffs) 1880-6
(Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1886-1922
- (aged 56, b Albrighton, Salop, of "Burntwood Vicarage", clergyman COE) 1901 C
(Chaplain, Burntwood St Matthew Hospital, Staffs) 1899-1912

(author, "John Bright and the Curate, or who pays the Parson")
chn: Agnes Edith Scott Weston (aged 8m, b Dudley Port, Tipton) 1881 C
Evelyn M. Weston b c1882 Tipton
Margery B. Weston b c1894 Burntwood
Arthur L. Weston b c1896 Burntwood

►John Thomas Homer c1869-1942 **1923-?1942**
d *aged 73* 1942 Lichfield RD
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1913
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1914
(Stipendiary Curate, Darlaston All Saints, Staffs) 1914-6
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1916
(Stipendiary Curate, Burton-upon-Trent Christ Church, Staffs) 1916-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Luke, Staffs) 1917-....
(Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1923-?d

►Joseph Herbert Bowman 1905-1972 **1942-1951**
b 21 Aug 1905 [BMD] Nottingham RD
d 1972 Cheadle RD
(at University of Birmingham)
(B.A.) 1926
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1934
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1936
(Stipendiary Curate, Cheddleton, Staffs) 1936-40
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1937
(Vicar, Kingstone-cum-Gratwich, Staffs) 1940-42
(Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1942-51
(Vicar, Cheddleton, Staffs) 1951-?d
(Chaplain, Cheddleton St Edward Hospital, Staffs) 1951-?d
(Rural Dean, Leek, Staffs) 1967-?d

►Charles Curwen Dickens Lewis 1915-1984 **1952-1957**
b 10 Mar 1915 [BMD]
d *aged 69* Jun 1984 Walsall RD
(at St David's College, Lampeter)
(B.A.) 1937
(ordained deacon by Monmouth) 1939
(Stipendiary Curate, Newport Holy Trinity, Mons) 1939-42
(ordained priest by Monmouth) 1940
(Chaplain to the Forces, Emergency Commission) 1942-3
(Stipendiary Curate, Cheddleton, Staffs) 1943-7
(Vicar, Walsall St Mark, Staffs) 1947-52
(Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1952-7
(Vicar, Hednesford, Staffs) 1957-67
(Vicar, Walsall St Paul, Staffs) 1967-?d
(Prebendary, Lichfield Hansacre) 1979-?d

►John Eurof Thomas Walters 1920-.... **1958-1981**
b 1920
(at St David's College, Lampeter)
(B.A.)
(ordained deacon) 1947
(ordained priest) 1948
(Vicar, Burntwood, Staffs) 1958-81
(Priest-in-charge, Edingale, Staffs) 1981-9
(Priest-in-charge, Harlaston, Staffs) 1981-9
(retired) 1989

David Anthony Weaver (Priest, in charge, Burntwood, Staffs) 1943-.... **1982-....**

b 1943
(at Hatfield College, Durham)
(B.Sc.) 1965
(at Lichfield Theological College) 1968
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1971
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs) 1971-5
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1972
(Stipendiary Curate, Much Wenlock-cum-Bourton, Salop) 1975-6
(Vicar, Mow Cop St Thomas, Staffs) 4 Sep 1979-30 Jun 1982
- (appointed) 4 Sep 1979
- (resigned) 30 Jun 1982
(Priest, in charge, Burntwood, Staffs) 1982-p1998
(Chaplain, Burntwood St Matthew Hospital, Staffs) 1983-95

Assistant Clergy

►Thomas Nichols c1802-1828 **1827-1828**
b c1802 Staffs
(admitted sizar at Queens', Cambridge) 21 Apr 1818 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1818
(ordained deacon by Winchester) 22 Dec 1822
(Stipendiary Curate, Kingsclere, Hants)
- (licensed) 22 Dec 1822
(B.A.) 1823
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 17 Nov 1827-d
- (licensed) 17 Nov 1827

►Thomas Harwood 1767-1842 **1828-1831**
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1828-31
- (licensed) 24 Mar 1828
[see above]

►William Astbury Meakin 1856-1932 **1882-1883**
c 2 Nov 1856 Longton, Staffs *son of Thomas Walmsley Meakin 1829-1879 and Esther (Astbury)*
m 1888 Bath: Mary Emily Hawkins
d *aged 75* 1932 Wellington RD
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1882
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1882-3
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Penn Fields, Staffs) 1884-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Brixton Deverill, Wilts) 1886-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Hordley, Salop) 1887-91
(Stipendiary Curate, Stone -----, Staffs) 1891-5
(Vicar, Withington, Salop) 1895-1913
(in retirement of Waters Upton, Salop)
chn: George Astbury Meakin
Margaret Esther Meakin

►Alexander Fitzhardinge Kingscote 1868-1935 **1900-1903**
b 18 Jul 1868 Kasanti Dearne, Lahore, India *son of Fitzhardinge Kingscote (Major) and*
Agnes Grant (Stuart)

m Sep 1912 Ashby-De-La-Zouch: Frances Haidée Greene; (but had no chn)
d *aged 66* 5 Mar 1935 Almondsbury, Glos
(at Lichfield Theological College)
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1900
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1900-3
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1901
(Stipendiary Curate, Downton-cum-Nunton, Wilts) 1903-5
(Stipendiary Curate, Sherborne-cum-Castleton, Dorset) 1905-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1908-10
(Chaplain, Burntwood St Matthew Hospital, Staffs) 1911
(Vicar, Farewell, Staffs) 1913-?1932

►William Langham Cheney c1859-.... **1904-....**
(at St John's College, Winnipeg)
(ordained deacon by Rupertsland) 1883
(ordained priest by Rupertsland) 1884
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1904-....

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►Alexander Fitzhardinge Kingscote 1868-1935 **1908-1910**
(Stipendiary Curate, Burntwood, Staffs) 1908-10
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